

Briefly

School opening

St. Peter School for the Young Years teachers are preparing for the new school year starting Sept. 7. The school's classes for the 3-year-olds are held each Tuesday and Thursday, with 4-year-olds meeting Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The school is licensed under the state of Illinois. At the present time, there are a few openings in the classes. Families may call St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ at 677-1904.

Spraying begins

Ken Davis, supervisor of Nameoki Township, has announced that the Township Health Department began spraying for mosquitoes Aug. 5. Due to equipment breakdowns, it has been several years since the township has sprayed. It is planned to spray at least twice a week during the remainder of the mosquito season. Davis is reminding all residents of the danger of children following behind or alongside the spray truck. Nameoki Township also has continued its practice of applying larvacide during the mosquito season.

45th reunion

The January and June graduating classes of 1948 of Granite City High School will hold their 45th reunion Saturday, Aug. 14, at Sunset Hills Country Club, Edwardsville. Any class member who did not receive a letter about the reunion and is interested in attending may call 432-0009 or 477-5075 for further information.

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Deaths

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Francis Sampson
Louisa Ham
Jerry Richmond

Lottery

Results in Illinois were:
Aug. 11: 5-8-7; Pick 4: 4-6-2-5
Little Lotto Game
09-12-22-24-35
Lotto Game
09-28-36-42-43-53
Aug. 10: 0-0-0; Pick 4: 8-9-1-3
Aug. 9: 8-8-7; Pick 4: 7-2-5-9
Little Lotto Game
03-09-11-22-30
Aug. 8: 3-4-0; Pick 4: 8-4-1-6
Aug. 7: 2-4-1; Pick 4: 5-5-5-9
Lotto Game
11-01-43-44-51-54

75 years ago

Aug. 10, 1918
A freak cyclone in miniature form hit Venice at 3 p.m., knocking out power to the Tri-Cities, uprooting trees, blowing down telephone and utility poles, and closing many area businesses. Power was restored late Sunday evening.

Trivia

In June, how many nonagricultural jobs were there in the Metro East area?
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Sewer break costs near \$1 million

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Ten confirmed sanitary-sewer breaks in Granite City will cost more than \$825,000 to repair, according to an engineering study submitted to Granite City officials Tuesday night.

The 106-page report, compiled by Juneau and Associates, says that the breaks are the result of the record high groundwater table associated with the elevated Mississippi River.

It advises that many more breaks can

be expected as the groundwater table subsides, and recommends that the city implement a \$10.5 million rehabilitation project to stabilize "high risk" sanitary sewers throughout the city.

The report includes detailed maps and photographs and an extensive analysis of specific problems as well as the sewer system as a whole.

It is being forwarded to officials of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and to U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belle-ville, in an attempt to obtain federal financial assistance.

Mayor Ron Selph said he has been in frequent contact with Costello and that Costello is confident some federal financial assistance will be available to help repair sewer lines damaged as a result of the groundwater elevation.

The city had experienced 10 confirmed sanitary sewer failures — some in main lines and some in lateral lines from residences as of June 22, the report states.

Research shows that the city experienced 40 sewer failures as a direct result of the rise in the groundwater table in 1973, and another 47 failures after the

high river stages between 1992 and 1995, the report states.

While major sewer breaks on Denver Street and on the west side of Highway 3 near the Melvin Price Center have been stabilized, "the street department continues to receive reports of new problems," Joe Juneau told the aldermanic Street and Alley Committee on Tuesday night when presenting the report.

"High groundwater often erodes soil surrounding sewer lines and either washes the earth and sand away or causes it to

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Venice loses out on development

Echols, railroad criticized

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Venice "just barely missed" getting a multi-million dollar manufacturing complex that could have employed as many as 200 local people. Not surprisingly, news of that failure has been accompanied by a lot of finger-pointing.

But city officials said Tuesday that the development is not yet completely lost and that, as long as a thread of hope remains, the city will do everything in its power to bring development to Venice.

Enviro Trux Inc., a group of recycling businesses in New York and Michigan, was looking for a site in the area to locate an "environmental park" containing several related businesses. Through Madison County Board members Homer Henke and Don Garrett, the developers were steered toward the Madison-Venice area.

The group located what it termed the ideal location on Highway 3 just south of the Venice Homes. The land is owned by the Terminal Railroad Association and the developers, Henke and Garrett, Venice Mayor Tyrone Echols, R.C. Bush of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce and a real estate repre-

sentative from TRRA met for negotiations during the last week of July.

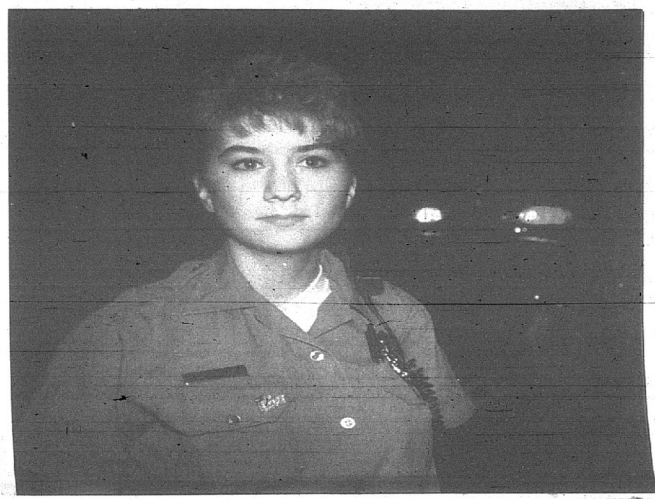
After meeting 6 1/2 hours, the negotiations for purchase of the land ended in a deadlock — everyone packed up their briefcases and left with a promise to try again some time in the future. Enviro Trux ultimately found another location in East St. Louis and is planning to open there in November.

Garrett placed the blame for losing this "golden opportunity" squarely on the shoulders of Echols. In his weekly column in the East St. Louis Monitor Aug. 5, Garrett wrote:

"The meeting was deadlocked. The group sat awaiting, some kind of statement from the mayor in favor of the enormous development that would mean so much to the city of Venice. Nothing happened. Surely the mayor would speak of the city's power of eminent domain to secure the land. But nothing happened. The mayor was completely silent. His silence tells me he was unprepared or unwilling to act in your behalf."

On Tuesday, Echols said Garrett was entitled to his opinion, "but when I read I threw away 100 jobs, I feel compelled to reply."

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

A night on the town — Granite City police officer Jenna Roderick at work on the midnight shift. See today's Lifestyle, Page 5A, for story and more photos.

Madison aldermen agree on \$9 per month trash charge

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

All households in Madison will begin paying \$9 a month for trash collection beginning Sept. 1 under a plan approved by Madison aldermen Wednesday.

Meeting as a committee of the whole, the aldermen agreed to the fee, which will be billed Jan. 1 for the first four months and then billed quarterly thereafter, based on estimated yearly revenues of \$210,000 from the fee.

Of that, \$70,000 — one third — would be placed in a special equipment depreciation account



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household. The aldermen also agreed to a late fee of 2 percent a month and a \$50 minimum and \$500 maximum fine for failure to comply with the ordinance. The aldermen agreed to hold both the tenant and landlord liable for paying the bill.

Alderman Norris Horton, who cast the only dissenting vote, said that if the city needs to charge for its trash collection it ought to get out of the trash collection business altogether and let a private firm take the business and the headaches.

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Raffle rift

Local organizations seek city regulation of raffles

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Competition between organizations that hold raffles has become so heated that those organizations are asking the city to regulate their operations. About 15 representatives of religious, charitable, labor, fraternal and veterans' organizations met with city officials Tuesday night to ask that raffles be regulated by city license.

While the Illinois Department of Revenue regulates bingo and "pull-tab" games, and places limits on the total daily "payout" on such activities, the Illinois Raffle Act allows cities to issue licenses for raffles.

Walter Conklin of the Pontoon Beach Lions Club, which conducts raffles on its bingo night at the Granite City Knights of Columbus Hall, said that a problem surfaced when an agent from the investigations arm of the Department of Revenue discovered that the Lions Club was paying out more on a given night than is allowed by law.

When Conklin told the agent that the excess payout was a result of a raffle rather than bingo or pull-tabs, the agent asked to see the club's city license.

The city has never issued such licenses, and the state is now threatening to prohibit raffle-type games at bingo halls, Conklin said.

"He said they could shut us down. What we are asking is that the city establish some kind of ordinance regulating raffles and issue licenses," Conklin said.

He and others in attendance told Mayor Ron Selph and the aldermanic Legal and Legislative Committee that competition between organizations conducting bingo and other games has become so great that large payouts are needed to attract players.

"Because laws limit the payout on bingo and pull-tabs, raffles have been utilized to increase the jackpot," they said.

But the large payouts are cutting into the profits of the

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Celebration — A.O. Smith employees Judy Haynes and Larry Wynn sign the 4 millionth engine cradle during a celebration Monday at the company's Granite City plant. See story and more photos on Page 3A.

New trial for Woods rejected

By Shay Wessol
Staff writer

A Third Circuit judge Tuesday denied a new trial for convicted child molester and former Boy Scout leader Frank Woods of Granite City.

Woods, 55, of the 2400 block of Sunbury Avenue, and his new Belleville attorney, John Sprague Jr., appeared before Associate Judge J. Lawrence Keshner in Edwardsville to contest a jury trial held in March.

Sprague said the court erred in allowing the testimony of a second alleged victim, who was not related to the charges Woods faced, by allowing three prejudiced female jurors, and by not considering the health and age of Woods in the sentencing.

Woods, a diabetic, is now serving a 30-year sentence for two counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault, and will not get out of prison before he dies, Sprague said.

Assistant State's Attorney Amy Maher said the sentence was "most definitely appropriate" for the crime.

She said that Woods' former attorney, Bill Walker, had allowed the testimony of the second girl and had used her statements in his closing arguments.

Without comment, Keshner denied the motion for a new trial.

Sprague said he would appeal the case.

Sentencing postponed

By Shay Wessol
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A sentencing hearing originally scheduled for Wednesday for Roena Ashing of Granite City was continued until next Tuesday.

Ashing, 39, could receive up to a 60-year sentence for allegedly masterminding last year's murder of Thomas Bauer.

Her special assistant public defender, Rand Hale, will be asking for a 20-year sentence.

Last week, Ashing lost her bid to withdraw her guilty plea in the murder.

At a hearing before Associate Judge J. Lawrence Keshner, Ashing said she had made an irrational decision to plead guilty after being threatened with the death penalty by Assistant State's Attorney Robert Trone.

One of her co-defendants, Jeffrey L. Ramsey, also of Granite City, is still waiting for a hearing to change his guilty plea. That hearing has not been set.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-MURDO)

Get 'em while they're hot — Guyla Stuart, a volunteer at Protestant Welfare, shows off the cookbooks that the organization is selling to raise funds. Each cookbook is \$7 and has \$4 worth of coupons inside that can be redeemed at any grocery store. All the recipes are from area residents. To order a cookbook, persons may call Protestant Welfare at 876-8770.

State Fair to celebrate Ferris Wheels' 100th anniversary

SPRINGFIELD — A centennial collection of Ferris Wheels and an auto racing exhibit are among the new features of the Illinois State Fair, which starts a 10-day run Friday.

State Fair officials say the exhibit celebrating the introduction of the world's first Ferris Wheel at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair will be the largest ever assembled. It will include at least seven operating wheels of various sizes and designs and three stationary antique rides.

The original wheel, designed by Galesburg native George Ferris, stood 246 feet high and could hold 2,160 passengers in its 36 gondolas.

Smaller versions have been a carnival staple ever since and are still made by a Jacksonville firm, Eli Bridge Co.

A 104-foot tall Ferris wheel, currently the largest mobile one in the world, will offer rides at this year's State Fair.

The exhibit will be in a new corner of the Happy Hollow amusement area.

Happy Hollow, with a new carnival operator, will also introduce free entertainment this year, including a trick bike team and singers and dancers.

"Thrill-seekers willing to plump down \$29 to \$39 can also try the new Sky Coaster, a new variation on bungee jumping. The rider is fastened into a full-body harness, hoisted onto a tower and released to swing in a pendulum.

Another new exhibit area will display famous racing cars, including the one driven by Al Unser Jr. to win the Indianapolis 500.

One of the more unusual new attractions at the fair is the Marlboro Adventure Team Theater, featuring a moving platform that will give the sensation of experiencing sights and sounds of the West, such as feeling the thunder of horses as they pound by.

Outdoor World is another new area, featuring pleasure boats, fishing boats, all-terrain vehicles and other outdoor recreational equipment.

The Artisan Building, closed last year because of budget cuts, will be back with a craft and fine arts show.

A new state government exhibit, spearheaded by first lady Brenda Edgar, will provide information to parents on child-rearing help available from various state agencies.

The fair will feature the usual collection of contests and competitions, ranging from rooster crowing to husband calling, arm wrestling to pet tricks.

Grandstand entertainment includes the Beach Boys Aug. 13, Damn Yankees Aug. 16, Ricky Van Shelton and Tammy Wynette Aug. 17, Ray Charles Aug. 18, Hank Williams Jr. Aug. 20 and Poison Aug. 21.

Harness racing will be offered with parimutuel betting Aug. 13 through 18. Auto racing will take over Aug. 21 and 22.

There will be two beer tents, one featuring country music and the other rock 'n' roll.

From the Alton Telegraph

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"At this point, the controlling item of the entire project is pouring concrete on the decks," IDOT resident engineer Earl Doerr said. "The concrete has a time period they want us to wait to let the levee drain and the ground firm up."

"That could take two weeks, corps engineer Jim Brown said. The river needs to fall at least 7 feet, which should take about a week at the rate it is receding, he said. The ground will need several more days to dry.

"We're just waiting until we can go back to work on the deck," Salame said.

In their jobs as communications account managers, master sergeants Phil Pearson and Tom Foust respond to the flood victims every day. But even the continual news coverage had not totally prepared them for what they would find in fighting the floods around St. Louis.

Pearson and Foust spent numerous evenings and weekends filling and stacking sandbags every day around the Illinois and Missouri towns affected by the flooding. They enlisted the help of nearly 30 of their troops from the Illinois National Guard.

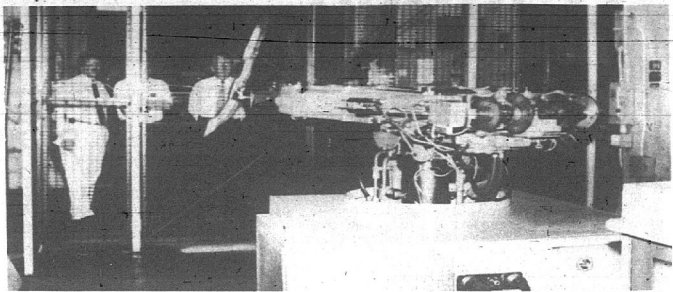
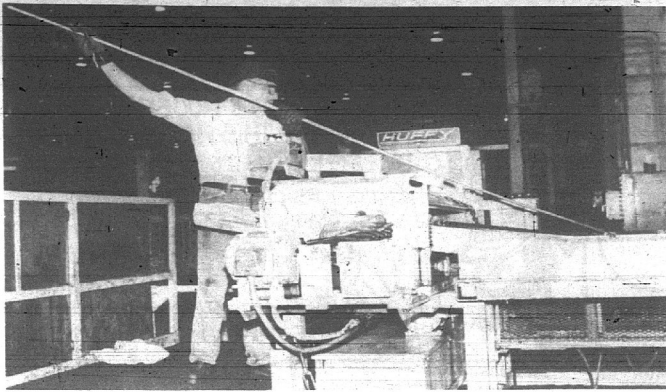
"It was quite a moving experience seeing men, women, and children from all walks of life working side by side filling sandbags and building levees to battle the rising water," said Pearson.

"Even though I was very fatigued after a day of stacking bags, I found it hard to stop working. There's such a tremendous need."

Many such needs of the residents of the flooded areas are being met by the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

These organizations rely heavily on donations of supplies and money to minister to people in need.

The employees of the federal AFB organization pitched in to help with those needs, also.



(Staff photos by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

At left above, Ellis Reynolds oils and feeds steel blanks into a stamping machine at the A.O. Smith plant. Above, a robot arm takes a newly stamped part and moves it to the next station. Below, machine operator Donald Elmore welds and inspects Nissan parts.

Plant getting more work A.O. Smith celebrates 4 millionth product

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

The A.O. Smith Automotive Products Co. plant in Granite City celebrated the production of its 4 millionth Ford Taurus/Mercury Sable motor cradle this week with another positive development — announcement that Ford Motor Co. will use the plant to produce motor cradles for four of its upcoming new models.

In addition to continuing to produce cradles for the Taurus, the plant will begin producing cradles for Ford's minivan and Tempo/Topaz models as well as for the new Lincoln Continental. Don Moore from Ford's Automotive Engineering Division said here Monday that the quality of products made by the Granite City plant makes it easy to recommend A.O. Smith as a supplier.

Not only the motor, but also the steering mechanism, shock absorbers, drive train and many other parts of the automobile depend on the cradle, Moore said. "How well you do your job has a great bearing on customer satisfaction."

The very first supplier Ford awarded the Q-1 designation for customer satisfaction.

"I'm sure you're tired of hearing about quality, and this is not a pop talk," Moore said. "It would be easy to forget

'It would be easy to forget about quality after making 4 million of the same part. This plant should be proud its quality has never diminished.'

— Don Moore
Ford official

about quality after making 4 million of the same part. This plant should be proud its quality has never diminished."

Sam Licavoli, president of A.O. Smith Automotive Products in Milwaukee, noted Monday that the firm's Granite City operation built car frames prior to closing in 1989. Separate frames were phased out of most auto production.

Licavoli said that the Granite City plant was able to build a new life for itself later in the 1980s only because it was willing to completely change its product line and process.

Now, he said, with four new product lines from Ford, more change is coming to the Granite City plant and not all of it will be pleasant at first.

Licavoli said he often heard former Chrysler Corp. Chairman Lee Iacocca say that, in the auto business, you have to "lead, follow or get out of the way."

"We sure don't want to get out of the way. We don't want to

follow. The leader is the thing to be, but it will take a lot of change to get there," he said.

"Our customers demand change and we cannot stagnate. I have great confidence that, as a group and as individual workers, you have the willingness and ability to adapt to change in spite of the fact there may be some frustration."

He said it took the effort of all of the employees to reach the 4 million plateau, and challenged the workers to remain focused and dedicated so that the Granite City plant can celebrate its 10 millionth Taurus cradle in the future.

In addition to the cradles for Ford automobiles, the Granite City plant also makes automotive products for General Motors, Chrysler and Nissan.

A.O. Smith Automotive Products Co., owned by A.O. Smith Corp. in Milwaukee, operates manufacturing plants in Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee, Maryland, Ohio and Wisconsin and a sales office in Detroit.



Riley likely nominee for U.S. judgeship

Circuit Judge Paul Riley of Glen Carbon is expected to be nominated to fill a federal judgeship.

A spokesman for U.S. Sen. Paul Simon said Tuesday Riley's name had been forwarded to President Bill Clinton by Simon and U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, both Democrats.

"Pending an FBI background investigation, the president will nominate him," the spokesman, David Carle, said. The nomination would be subject to confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

Carle said candidates for the post were considered by a 17-member commission established by Simon and Moseley-Braun. The commission considered candidates for the federal bench in the Southern District of Illinois with headquarters in

East St. Louis. "It's a good nomination," said Madison County State's Attorney William Haine. "He's been a very good judge. I'm sure he'll be confirmed and I'm sure he'll do a good job."

Riley could not be reached for comment. A former Madison County public defender, Riley has been an associate judge and a circuit judge of the 3rd Judicial Circuit, which covers Madison and Bond counties. He served as the circuit's chief judge for two years, stepping down Aug. 1.

The two Illinois senators have also chosen Terrance E. Delaney of Belleville as the nominee for U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois.

Students get special chance to register

By Shay Wessol
Staff writer

Students returning to school this month will be given a special chance to register for the Nov. 2 consolidated election, Madison County Clerk Evelyn Bowles said Monday.

"We always try to make arrangements for the college students to register before going back to school," Bowles said. "That way they can't say, 'I didn't know.'"

Absentee ballot applications are available at the county clerk's office in Edwardsville for registered students.

The last day to register for the Nov. 2 election is Oct. 4.

Deputies from the county clerk's office will be at the following locations to register prospective voters:

GRANITE CITY: K mart at 3656 Nameoki Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 21 and noon to 7 p.m. Oct. 1; Schnucks on Nameoki Road, noon to 7 p.m. Oct. 1; City Hall, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SECRETARY OF STATE DRIVERS LICENSE FACILITIES: Edwardsville 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Granite City 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

PONTIAC BEACH: Village clerk at Village Hall, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MADISON: Venice Township office, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

VENICE: City comptroller's office, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE in Edwardsville 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

State gaming board administrator plans to quit

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Gaming Board's first and only administrator, Morton Friedman, will resign at the end of the month.

The board regulates riverboat gambling, including the operation of the Alton Belle Casino.

Friedman could not be reached for comment but Gaming Board spokeswoman Linda Mulcahey said he had notified the board he planned to leave Aug. 31.

Mulcahey said Friedman had no further comment on why he was resigning or his future plans.

Friedman earlier denied rumors he was interested in the top riverboat gambling administrator's post in Missouri. Friedman had provided some unpaid advice to the counterpart agency there.

Prior to taking the Gaming Board post, Friedman was deputy director of the Illinois Department of Employment Security. He was also a Cook County assistant state's attorney for several years.

While working in the Cook County prosecutor's office, Friedman once supervised William Kunkle, a Chicago attorney who is the Gaming Board chair-

man and was instrumental in hiring Friedman.

Kunkle's term on the Gaming Board expired July 1, but he said Gov. Jim Edgar has asked

him to remain until the 10th gaming license authorized under existing law has been granted.

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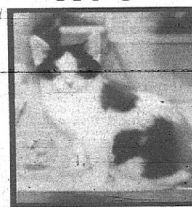


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Correction

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello will meet with area residents next Wednesday. The Journal incorrectly reported that the meeting would be Tuesday.

The meeting will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at his office at 1363 Niedringhaus in Granite City.

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Editorials

Flood of rumors devastating

On Friday afternoon a popular area radio station announced that a levee had broken just north of Granite City at the interchange of Highway 3 and Interstate 270. That news came as a huge surprise to the members of the National Guard and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers working at the site — and presumably to the levee that was winning its battle against the flooding Mississippi River.

Contacted immediately after the incorrect report aired, the radio station said its helicopter pilot had observed what appeared to be a break and — because of the potential importance of the news — the report was rushed onto the air without verification.

There is no doubt that there was a lot of water in the area. If the area had been identified as a potential trouble spot — if the station truly believed people and property were in immediate danger, and if this was an isolated incident — then it might be a forgivable lapse.

However, the area was not a trouble spot. In fact, officials put a lot of effort into informing the public and media that the flooding in that area was being done purposely to equalize water pressure. Time after time, officials stressed that the presence of water in that area was, in fact, evidence that the complex levee system was working properly.

While the water in that area was higher than it had been the day before, it was not rising at a rate visible to the naked eye and it was not rushing anywhere. In fact, the surface of the water was calm. Even if there had been a real problem, nothing drastic was going to happen in the 60 seconds it would have taken the radio station to call the Corps' media center and ask if there was a problem.

And — the most distressing element — this was only one of hundreds of semi-hysterical and factually unfounded news reports carried by area radio and television during the Flood of the Century. Really were the reports corrected, when found to be false they were simply dropped without explanation.

A member of the Corps of Engineers Emergency Team from Vicksburg, Miss., summed it up this week: "After all the news reports of this flood that I've seen, heard and read that I know are totally wrong, I have begun to wonder if everything else they report is wrong, too."

There is probably no way to calculate the mental and emotional cost of the public hysteria fueled by media in its quest to be first with "The Big Story." But there is no doubt the hysteria has left citizens of the Granite City area flood-weary even though they are, for the most part, dry. And the citizens — who rushed to buy flood insurance, packed up their valuables and spent many sleepless nights — are devastated because they feel they have been victims of a huge hoax. As the flood of rumors recedes, the rumors are leaving a layer of slime as ugly as any left by the receding water.

Federal, state and local agencies are equipped to clean up the muck left by the water.

The media must mount a mass effort to clean up its muck as well. Already, the media's important role in society has been badly stained. The public must insist that the media help remove the stains before they become permanent.



When the peaceful Mississippi River spreads terror

Of the 62 topics that Earl Spaulding, 86, of Granite City recites from memory to area organizations, the most popular during "The Great Flood of 1993" has been "The Mississippi River" by Reatha Heartstock of Centralia.

Mr. Spaulding is a retired Granite City Steel Hot Strip Department crane operator. He and his wife, Gertrude, have been married for 60 years.

From the mountains to the ocean flows the Mississippi River. Past the forest, past the rushing, it seems to go on forever. Calm it is, like a gentle woman, with waves the sandy banks caressing.

To the wildlife that comes to drink there, the great river gives its blessing. Up and down its placid waters come and go the boats and barges, boats that churn the brownish waters with great wheels like a bull that charges.

Many moods has this great river. Like an angry woman, in her fury, lashing out all around her, causing destruction in her

Our guest

hurry. Changed at once from one so peaceful, it roars and rushes in defiance.

Sending waters over the lowlands. Spreading terror. Man, who flies across the ocean, who climbs the highest mountains, in his zest has countries conquered.

Yet, man yields before this mighty fountain. Homes go down before its power.

Crops are desolate and wasted. Wild things that loved the river, to higher ground have quickly hastened.

Suddenly, as if in repentance, back into its banks it hurries. Sorry now for its destruction. Sorry for the people's worries.

Once again it flows so gently, kissing again its banks in passing. Calling again to wild things to drink there.

Gone once more, its angry



lashing. The trees upon its banks sway slowly to the music of gentle breezes blowing.

While fish leap and swim and play in waters oh, so softly flowing.

Back to their homes again come the people, the great river now forgiven. Homes cleaned again, and new homes built. They love the homes for which they've striven.

Back once again to the Mississippi, for the people love this mighty river, to fish again in the

placid waters, to take again from this willing giver. Forgotten now the river's anger.

For, now, they see the river's splendor. They only see the river's good.

From the mountains to the seashore, let the Mississippi roll. Let the river be so gentle. Or let its anger take its toll.

There are always those who love it. There are always those who stay. Always, people who are willing to let the river have its way.

For they see the beauty of it as it swiftly flows along. They love to see its beauty.

They love to see the boats upon it and they love to hear its song.

So, on past the hills and valleys, and around its many curves. Onward flows the Mississippi with the fame that it deserves.

Though we do not understand it, we will stand and we'll applaud. For the great Mississippi River is the handiwork of God.

Letters

Water crisis met calmly, quickly

TO THE EDITOR: Having heard phrases like "levee break," "homes flooded," "contaminated water" and "sandbagging" for two weeks, I do not believe too many people will ever forget the "Flood of '93."

All of those phrases are negative and bring about many discomforting thoughts.

However, as I watched Granite City endure its own small crises, I could not help but be impressed by two events.

The first thing that impressed me was the way our city officials responded to the water boil order.

The response was quick and organized. Working with the Salvation Army and Red Cross, water distribution centers were established within a few hours.

However, as I watched Granite City endure its own small crises, I could not help but be impressed by two events.

The second thing that impressed me was the citizens of Granite City. Each day, I watched the lines of people getting water at the high school, and I never saw any problematic situation. People were orderly and patient while in line, and many were joking with the helpers. Nearly all had a smile on their face.

While boiling water is a minor inconvenience compared to the real flood victims whose homes are under water, we should be proud of the way our city and, more importantly, the citizens of Granite City, handled this situation.

Let's pray that, over the next few weeks, the river recedes with no more damage or hardship to our community.

AL KENNERLY
Assistant principal,
Granite City High School

Be thankful area escaped flooding

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to comment on the front page article concerning people who have been so lucky.

Number one, how could the mayor have something he had no control over? He found out like the rest of us, on Monday

morning, July 19. The water companies and Union Electric don't ask customers or mayors if they can turn the water off in emergency situations or acts of God.

What the mayor did do was make arrangements for Prairie Farms milk trucks to deliver water and obtained water from Collinsville so that no one would die of thirst.

Instead of these narrow-minded people raising heck with the mayor and his staff, they should have thanked God for the roof over their heads and streets that weren't covered by flood waters.

We were never totally without water. Most homes had full water pressure by late afternoon the same day. Even if it had to be boiled, that's a small inconvenience.

You people who were raising heck should be ashamed of themselves. They still have dry clothes, telephones, electricity and clothes.

The real flood victims have nothing.

WILLIAM P. BOELLING
Granite City

Many aided area in water crisis

TO THE EDITOR: We, the people of Granite City, take our hats off to the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Anheuser-Busch Inc. and all others who helped during the water-boiling order July 19-23.

We also thank the ones who so carefully got our water back on in this town. It was a blessing to have such fast service.

The sick and elderly were taken care of with water. Water was delivered to the elderly at the Anchorage Homes and other places.

God bless the ones who have been out there working on sandbags in this terrible heat.

We can pray that the rain will stop and that the levees will stand and protect all who are near the flood water.

VIVIAN HARPER
Granite City

Slow response by street staff

TO THE EDITOR: I have been reading in your paper about the Street Department efficiency debates and I would like to tell you about my

personal experience with the inefficiency of the department.

My mother, Millie Rains, suffers from muscular dystrophy and is confined to a wheelchair.

My father, William Rains, and I asked our alderman, Mr. Tarpo, for handicapped parking outside their home at 2649 Grand Ave. I thought getting a handicapped sign would be simple.

Well, that was over three months ago. It took a month to get it on the City Council agenda and approved that was the easy part.

Since then I have heard the lamest excuses from the Street Department:

"Couldn't find the house," "Tree limbs hang too low," "The day just ran out."

The Street Department has made two trips to the house. Alderman Foster Frederick and the Street Department supervisor have been here once and there is still no sign. Nothing but excuses.

You would think that, because of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the city would be more conscious of the needs of people with disabilities.

KATHY RAINS-WOODS
Granite City

High praise for crime prevention

TO THE EDITOR: We want to express our disappointment at the loss of our crime prevention officer. Officer Sparks was definitely an asset to this Granite City Police Department program.

The services and motivation that he and the crime prevention program gave the citizens of Granite City will be greatly missed.

I have said to others that Officer Sparks should also be the public relations spokesman. His speaking ability and warm friendliness have done wonderful things for his Police Department.

To remove him from this position is a mistake, in my opinion. I am sure there are others who agree with me. Please let your police chief and others know.

We think you are great, Mike Sparks.

GAFF SR. and JULIE GUIKA
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Avon sales people win Albee dolls



Maxine Green

Maxine Green covers the Granite City and Nameoki Township area for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 931-8226.

Avon District 5019 held the regular monthly meeting Thursday in the Avon office at 2023 Edison Ave. District Manager Phyllis Laster opened the meeting with the presentation of Avon's newest designer cologne that will be launched in Campaign 18.

Mrs. P.F. Albee's porcelain dolls were presented to Chloé Denny, Cora Nance and Sandra Hamilton. The Albee doll is awarded to sales people who have reached the president's level goal in sales. Barbara Loch received a beauty computer and door knocker pin for successful sales in five campaigns awarded to all new people who reach a goal set by the sales manager. Various other awards were given to other people in attendance. Those in attendance were Cora Nance, Sharon Rollins, Winnie Joiner, Janice Watson, Chloé Denny, Marilyn Malherik, Carol Gilling, Rose Doolen, Georgene Davis, Carolyn Millett, Rosa Lux, Elaine Coggins, Elaine Station, Eileen Davis, Christine Hill, Barbara Warren, Lillian Ruegge, Ida Voyles, Donna Johnson, Sandra Hamilton, Debbie McElroy, Dae Sida, Barbara Loch, Lois Hoy, Eleanor White and Patty Miles.

The 13th annual Green family reunion, descendants of John and Maggie Green of Richland County, was held the first weekend in August. The Quality Inn in Collinsville was headquarters for out-of-towners and events began on Saturday evening with the evening meal at the Raintree Restaurant, followed by games, swimming and just sitting around the pool watching and sharing big tales. The family spent in Wilson Park, where the picnic dinner was enjoyed by Rufus and Margaret Allen of Novelty, Mo.; Marc and Maria Esly of Macon, Mo.; Bob and Carol McCarly and Larry and Pam Mettis and children, Debbie, Tyler and Charles, all of Clarence, Mo.; Kathryn Green of Mayville, Mich.; Marc and Mary Jo Kearney and daughter, Rebecca, of St. Louis; Harry and Donna Swersky of Michigan; Wanda Dawson of Wichita, Kan.; Jimmy L. and Janet Green and son, J.T., of Peoria; Robyn Campbell and Christine Lynda and Scott Watson, all of Troy; and Carol Moulton, Bill and Maxine Davis, Delores Holton, Lucille Martin, Maxine Green, Kathy L. Green and daughters, Keri and Courtney, Tom and Kathy Green, all of Holton. Lucille Martin, Maxine Green, Kathy L. Green and daughters, Keri and Courtney, Tom and Kathy Green, all of Holton. Lucille Martin, Maxine Green, Kathy L. Green and daughters, Keri and Courtney, Tom and Kathy Green, all of Holton. Lucille Martin, Maxine Green, Kathy L. Green and daughters, Keri and Courtney, Tom and Kathy Green, all of Holton.

Day Camp '93 — "Quest for the Kingdom" — was held at the Madison County Baptist Center from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday this week. Classes were available for all children in grades one through six.

The Madison County Baptist Church and the Alton Industrial Baptist Associations are asking for donations of the following items to the Salvation Army in Alton to aid flood victims: bottled water, canned soda, coffee, canned meals (stew, chili, chicken and dumplings), cleaning supplies, powdered milk, tea, fruit drinks, etc., and soups. Items should be taken to 525 Alby, Alton, or to the local church. James Endley, pastor of Dow Baptist Church, has been in touch with the Red Cross and mayor of Grafton and they are asking for teams of volunteers to help families clean up their homes and help move back in when the time comes. Call the Alton Industrial Baptist Association for more information or to join a team at (618) 228-1333.

It is time for co-ed softball at the Madison County Baptist Center! Adult Co-ed softball will begin Aug. 23 and continue on Monday nights into September at the Baptist Center. Any MCBA church or mission member 15 years of age or older can sign up to play by contacting the church office or by calling the center at 931-6222. Registration deadline is Aug. 13. Additional information can be received by contacting MCBA Recreation Director Greg Walz at 931-0409.

Woman officer goes solo on night patrol

Roderick city's one female cop

By Kevin Glenn
Staff writer

Night stills the city. The streetlights cast their sickly glare on the lonely pavement where, come sunrise, the machines of Granite City Steel will again bully their way through traffic on 20th Street.

A single police cruiser blazes down Madison Avenue at 73 mph, awash in its swirl of lights. Officer Jenna Roderick is at the wheel — grumbling at drivers who won't swerve out of her way.

"Don't you know what red lights and a siren mean?" she shouts.

It's 3:25 a.m. Roderick is about four hours into the eight-hour midnight shift of the Granite City Police Department, responding to a report of battery at the nearby Hardee's restaurant.

It is one of only a few pulse-quickening episodes during an otherwise low-key, uneventful night.

She swings the souped-up Caprice Classic into the restaurant's parking lot, where two men struggle in the shadows.

She bolts from the cruiser, subduing and handcuffing the suspect, a six foot five inch, 245-pound juvenile.

Minutes later, sitting with his hands cuffed behind his back, the young man lifts tear-filled eyes toward Roderick.

"Ma'am," he whines, "could you itch my nose, please?"

"No, I don't think so," she replies. "You are the biggest baby."

Roderick doesn't know this suspect, which is unusual in her line of work. And he's polite — which is even more unusual.

"You see the same faces every single night," she says, and most of them show little or no respect for law enforcement officers.

"I was brought up to respect the police," she adds. "You sure don't see a lot of that in Granite City."

"They hate you for what you are," she says. "You're the only woman on the force, other than dispatchers, and she's the youngest officer at 23."

Perhaps the least intimidating in appearance of those who wear the police badge, she nevertheless sagely accepts any and all assignments.

"I'm about five foot one," she admits, adding, "But I'm still growing."

While only a three-year veteran of the department, Roderick says she drives the best squad cars because of her height.

"They have to keep giving me new ones," she explains. "When the seats get broken in, I can't see over the steering wheel anymore."

Roderick drives her new car out of the police station parking lot for the first time that night at 11:12 p.m.

"I've been on midnights so long, I can't stand the sunlight," she says, turning onto Madison Avenue.

At 11:17, the dispatcher's voice crackles over the radio with Roderick's first situation. An intoxicated 16-year-old won't leave the Granite City Lodge motel after the night clerk repeatedly asks him to go.

"He's 16 — he doesn't need to be drinking," Roderick says. "I don't



Officer Jenna Roderick removes the handcuffs from a six foot, five inch, 245-pound juvenile she had arrested at Hardee's restaurant on Madison Avenue.

like to take anyone to jail over this stuff."

At 11:25, one of three officers responding to the Lodge spots the juvenile walking on the sidewalk. Within minutes, he's in Roderick's squad car and on his way to jail for violation of curfew and criminal trespass.

Back at the station, Roderick sits down to probably the least favorite of her duties: typing the report of the incident.

Sitting atop a stack of four telephone books to reach the keyboard, she assails the machine as if the typing mistakes are its fault.

Minutes later, she's back on the road — and smoking her third cigarette. "I'm a major chain smoker," she says.

Given her young face covered smoothly in makeup, only the smoke rising from her lips betrays the stress of her position.

"I swear I'm going to have gray hair by 25," she says.

Roderick moved out of her parents' home two weeks ago and is stressed about that, too. "It's kind of scary," she says. "I don't like having all those bills in my name."

She's planning to be married in September 1994, but that doesn't seem to bother her. "I work with 50 men," she says. "How bad can it be?"

The big men she has to arrest daily don't scare her, either, but the city's drug traffic does.

"The dealers are coming in faster than you think," she says. "They're selling to kids."

As a police officer, she feels like she can help remedy the problem more easily than those other professions. "Some days I feel like I'm making a difference — other days I feel like it's a losing battle."

As the morning hours begin to drag, Roderick pulls out her radar gun and starts to zap cars. She says that she is not fond of ticketing speeding offenders.

"People are just here trying to



Roderick and Officer Don Hemphill chat in a hallway after a late-night arrest.

"He's 16 — he doesn't need to be drinking. I don't like to take anyone to jail over this stuff.... People are just here trying to make a living like me. I have a little bit of sympathy and compassion for people."

make a living like me," she says. "I have a little bit of sympathy and compassion for people."

But few show their sympathy or compassion for police, especially a woman police officer. "I get hoots and howls" from men, she says. "I hate that — I hate that more than anything."

But on balance, she enjoys her work and its diverse challenges and

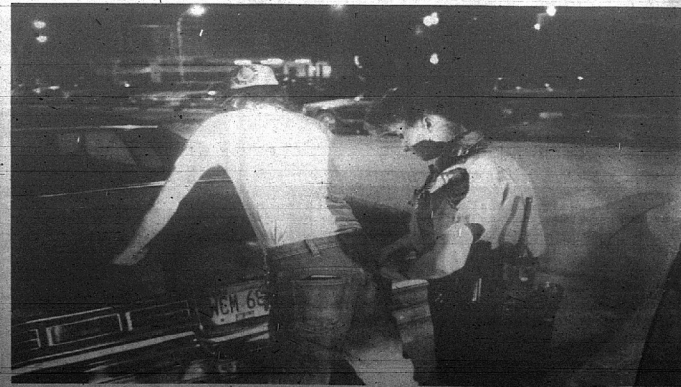
remains highly motivated.

When most people are hurrying to school or work, the night hours have drifted by and Officer Roderick is ready to go off duty.

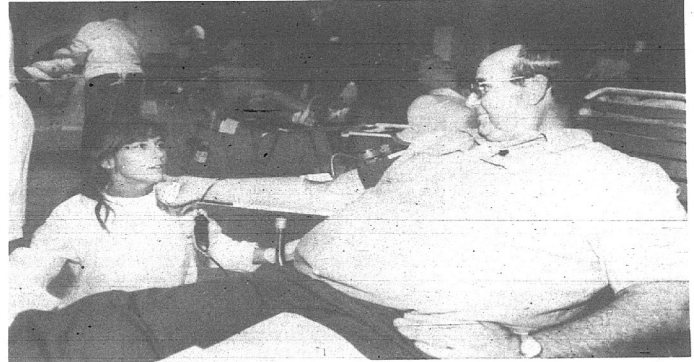
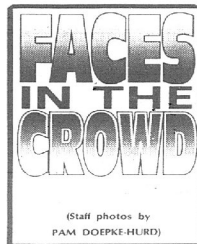
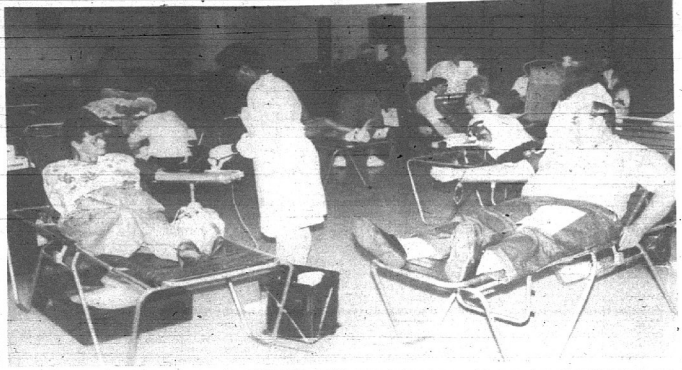
After a restful day's sleep, from 8 or 9 to 4 or 5, she will be preparing for still another midnight patrol, going into harm's way to enforce the law and protect her fellow Granite Citizens.



Roderick calls in a license to headquarters during a traffic stop.



Roderick pats down a suspect to check for weapons across from the Granite City Lodge.



Blood drive — The Tri-City Chapter of the American Red Cross held a blood drive recently at the Eagles Home on Madison Avenue. In top left photo, Red Cross nurse Barbara Myers talks with John Andrews of Granite City before he donates blood. In top right photo, Red Cross volunteers and nurses keep the flow of donors going. In

middle left photo, volunteer Stacey Wampler, 13, of Pontoon Beach gets a glass of juice for a blood donor. In bottom left photo, volunteer Betty Schwaller takes Sheryl Hutson's temperature before Hutson donates blood. Above, nurse Joanne Wilkins adjusts the collection tube for LeRoy Smith.



River project wins merit award

The Illinois Rivers Project at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has received a merit award but not because of the flooded rivers.

The project was recognized by the National Soil and Water Conservation Society for its innovative environmental program providing high school students on-site experience with the environment and water quality.

The river project is an interdisciplinary study involving English, history and science aimed to better science literacy.

Students from more than 180 high schools in six states along the Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi rivers collect water samples and analyze them for nitrates, phosphates and other elements.

Students also collect information about history and culture of their local community in relation to the river and produce a publication called *Meanderings*.

The rivers project was one of 12 business firms, organizations and government agencies to get the society's 1993 Merit Award.

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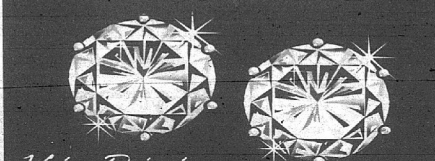
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Flood relief efforts will go on for some time, agencies say

By Jim Rygeiski
Staff writer

The area's biggest relief agencies, the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army, both expect flood-relief efforts to go on for a long time after the river recedes.

"We're firmly entrenched in here," said Jay Scott, public affairs spokesman for the Red Cross. "Our goal is to bring people's lives back to the point they were before the flood started," he said.

The Salvation Army, which had conservatively estimated the long-range needs of those it was helping, has revised those estimates and is planning for what

flood victims will need through Christmas, spokeswoman Laura Cook said.

"We're helping a lot of people who never thought they'd have to come to us," Cook said. While the agencies are independent, they've cooperated during the crisis in meeting people's needs, whether it be shelter or supplies.

Both agencies are operating shelters, the Salvation Army at its Temple Corps Community Center, 2740 Arsenal St.; the Red Cross at both Cleveland NLRTO High School, 4322 Louisiana Ave., and Canaan Baptist Church, 4471 Baumgartner Road in South County.

The Salvation Army has been

operating a supply warehouse for flood victims from a site at Lemay Ferry and Reavis Harbors roads. Cook said it distributed food and cleaning supplies.

"We don't have a need for clothes, but we do have a need for toiletries and soap, things you'd need if you were going to get a house ready to be lived in again," she said.

For information on donating what the Salvation Army needs, call 800-935-6639, Cook said. Scott said the Red Cross would prefer cash donations. To do so, he said, either call 800-935-6639 or send it to American Red Cross, P.O. Box 790659, St. Louis, Mo. 63179-0659.

Fraternal group sets up flood aid fund

Lutheran Brotherhood recently announced the creation of the "Lutheran Brotherhood Flood '93 Assistance Fund."

The fraternal benefit society will match the first \$100,000 contributed to the fund, which will be distributed to flood victims. Fund proceeds will be distributed through nearly 200 Lutheran Brotherhood branches volunteer groups made up of Lutheran Brotherhood members in the more than 200 counties which have been declared disaster areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Every dollar received will go directly to flood victims in the affected areas. No funds will be used for administrative purposes. Gifts to the Lutheran Brotherhood Flood '93 Assistance

Fund are not considered tax deductible.

Individuals or organizations wanting to contribute to this disaster relief project should make their checks payable to: "Lutheran Brotherhood," with the words "Flood Assistance Fund" in the lower left corner.

Checks should be mailed to: Lutheran Brotherhood Flood '93 Assistance Fund, 625 Fourth Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55415.

In addition to the \$100,000 matching program, Lutheran Brotherhood is providing another \$150,000 to its branches for local flood relief efforts. This additional \$250,000 is above and beyond support already available to branches for disaster relief projects and other local community service efforts. In 1992, the soci-

ety contributed \$13.6 million to its branches for similar projects.

As a fraternal benefit society, Lutheran Brotherhood's mission is to contribute to the betterment of society, says Robert P. Gandrud, president and chief executive officer for Lutheran Brotherhood. "We believe that the Lutheran Brotherhood Assistance Fund '93 Assistance Fund will provide valuable seed money to encourage individuals, organizations and congregations to take action to help flood victims."

Lutheran Brotherhood is a fraternal benefit society providing a broad range of high quality financial products and services to Lutherans nationwide. Through its fraternal programs, the society aids its members, their communities and Lutheranism.



(Staff photo by PAM DOPKE-HURD)

Civic group presents check — Granite City Moose lodge 272 presented the local Salvation Army with a check for \$1,000 to help with flood relief, and Moose District 10 presented a check for \$155. From left are John Parker, Moose 272 bingo chairman; Fred Miller, Moose 272 community service chairman; Lt. Tim Miller of the Salvation Army; and Floyd Miller, Moose 272 junior governor. So far, the Salvation Army here has collected over \$14,000 for flood relief. Billionaire Ross Perot will match all private donations up to \$1 million.

Bands, auction take in \$6,000

By Martin Richter
Staff writer

A benefit concert and auction at the Silvermoon Country Western Dance Hall in Collinsville Saturday raised more than \$6,000 for area flood victims, one of the club's owners said Monday.

The benefit, which lasted from noon to 3 a.m., featured eight bands and auctioneer Terry Allan, all of whom volunteered their services for the occasion. Betty Wilson, one of the club's owners, said just over 700 people attended.

"It went great," Wilson said. "We had hoped to raise \$5,000, and we even exceeded our hopes."

The club had already raised \$400 for flood victims in a smaller benefit concert on July 22. Proceeds from both benefits go to the American Red Cross and Salvation Army.

In other flood relief-related news:

— The Collinsville Jaycees

were preparing to help out on a large effort by Jaycees chapters in the Gateway Region, and in northern and eastern states, to aid flood victims.

Kevin Reelitz of the Collinsville Jaycees said chapters in other states are putting together truck- and plane-loads of cleaning supplies and other items for shipment to this area. The effort is being coordinated locally by the Pontoon Beach Jaycees, he said.

"I couldn't put a number on it, but there are a lot of chapters helping," Reelitz said Monday.

"The first load is coming into Granite City (Tuesday)." The last I heard, they had a couple hangars full, and in excess of \$5,000 in cash.

"Collinsville is really backing Pontoon with manpower and everything else," he said. "The way we want to do this is not so much just to gather the stuff for them, as help them physically with the actual cleanup."

Thousands of area Boy Scouts went door-to-door

throughout the Trails West Council on Saturday to collect food for flood victims.

Joe Schuster, senior district executive for the Cahokia Mounds District, said Monday afternoon that officials had not yet tallied up how much food the Scouts collected.

— A benefit dinner for flood victims was held Wednesday night at Ramon's El Dorado Restaurant, 1701 Collinsville Road. All profits will go to flood relief.

— The Madison County Humane Society still is looking for temporary foster homes for cats and dogs left homeless because of flooding.

If you could share your home with a homeless pet for 30 days or more, call Pam Liles at 692-4336 or Sherry Harper at 797-2192.

— To contribute to the Animal Flood Victims Fund, which helps pay veterinary expenses, send donations to Animal Flood Victims, MCHS, P.O. Box 1, Edwardsville, Ill. 62025.



APA shows appreciation — The Association for the Protection of Animals recently presented a certificate and plaque of appreciation to the O'Fallon Pet Smart Store for the store's generosity to the APA shelter with donations of food, cages and dog houses. In the front row from left are sales associates Sam Floyer, Farley Tate, Katherine Finrock and Mike Faulk. Not pictured is Cid Tucker. Back row from left, Judy Adams, APA shelter president; Chuck Paul, store director; Terry Hodges, assistant manager; Dave Curr, specialty manager; Carol Hodgeson, core manager; and Larry Judd, animal abuse investigator, Department of Agriculture.

Benefit at Pop's

Pop's Saloon in Sauget has scheduled a flood relief benefit for 2-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15.

The cover charge will be \$3 and all of the door proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross.

Participating bands include Bronx Zoo, Tuff Nutz, Bozo Rooster, City Earth, Phil Dawg and The Strugglers and a band called, simply, Bob.

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

Recently a divorced woman with two children came to this office inquiring about a will. She was concerned that if she died while the children were still young that her former husband would get custody. She also wanted to be certain that her ex-husband did not receive any of her property at the time of her death.

In this case, the couple had obtained a divorce five years earlier. There were two children, and the wife obtained custody. During the intervening years, the father had little contact with the children and refused to pay child support. The mother in this situation hoped to name a custodian for the children in her will and thereby bypass the father in the event she should die at a young age.

We should first explore what would happen if this woman died without a will. In terms of her property, it would all go to her children. Her former spouse would receive nothing in this situation. With regard to custody, the Court would place the minors based on what was in the "best interest of the children." If the father expressed an interest, one would have to think that in most situations the Court

would award custody to him unless he was unfit.

Are there advantages, then, to this woman having a will? One thing to be gained is that she can designate that the children's property should be left in trust at the time of her death. This is known as a testamentary trust and it allows the person making the will to name a responsible person to administer the money and use it wisely on behalf of the children. The mother in the will could not only name a trustee for the trust, but she could also indicate at what age the children should receive their entire trust share.

Can she bypass the father as custodian by naming someone else in the will? As previously indicated, the Court will award custody at the time of her death based on the "best interests of the children." By naming someone else in the will, it seems to this writer that she is at least presenting the Court with an alternative to the natural father. Hopefully, the wishes of a mother expressed in the will would have some influence on the judge at the time he makes his decision regarding custody.

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Obituaries

Louisa Ham

Louisa L. (Gooch) Ham, 43, of Collinsville, formerly of Granite City, died Monday, Aug. 9, 1993, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville. She was born July 30, 1950, in East St. Louis and had been a resident of Collinsville for many years. She was a bookkeeper.

Survivors include her husband, Michael G. Ham; three sons, Christopher M. Ham, Patrick M. Ham and Matthew S. Ham; two brothers, Michael G. Gooch and Bill S. Gooch; one sister, Pat A. SanSoucie; and her parents, John W. and Dorothy L. Gooch of Dupe. There is no visitation. Private memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Hoffmeister Burial Home, 7814 S. Broadway, St. Louis.

Memorials are requested for the Louisa L. Ham Children's Fund, c/o UMB First National Bank, 200 E. Main St., Collinsville, IL 62234; or the American Cancer Society.

Jerry Richmond

Jerry Richmond, 41, of Madison, died at 9:54 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 1993, in Maryland. He was employed as a mail handler by the United Postal Service at the Air Mail Center.

Survivors include his parents, Earnest and Willie (Stinson) Richmond; his wife, Nadine Richmond; one son, Jerry Richmond Jr.; two daughters, Rhonda Richmond and Lavonda Richmond; one brother, Earnest Lee Richmond; and two sisters, Earnestine Williamson and Rosetta Roberts. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Quinn Mission A.M.E. Church, 409 Mary, Madison. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis. County Arrangements are being handled by Officer Eugene Home, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis, 271-6055.

Hester Hargis

Hester (Barnhart) Hargis, 61, of Granite City died at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, 1993, at Elmwood Care Center, Maryville, after a two-month illness.

Mrs. Hargis was born June 24, 1932, in Mount Vernon and had been a resident of Granite City for 25 years. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, Daniel Hargis of Granite City and John Hargis of Pontoon Beach, and one brother, Gerald Barnhart of Salem, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John R. Hargis, who died in 1985; and her parents.

Arrangements are pending at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3309 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, 797-1009. Burial will be at a Lutheran cemetery, Granite City.

Francis J. "Frank" Sampson

Francis J. "Frank" Sampson, 67, of Granite City died at 5:20 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, 1993, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. Mr. Sampson was born July 19, 1926, in Bluff, Mo., and had been a resident of Granite City for many years. He was employed at the U.S. Army Troop Support Command, St. Louis, for 20 years prior to his retirement in 1981.

Survivors include his wife, Ludell Marie (Roy) Sampson, whom he married April 19, 1947, in Granite City; eight sons, Paul, Robert, Joseph and John Sampson, all of Granite City; Michael Sampson of Edwardsville; Stephen Sampson of O'Fallon; and Tom and William Sampson, both of Fremont, Calif.; four daughters, Patricia Conn of Miami, Joyce Macri of Bascaville, Calif., Mary Trampe of Edwardsville and Sandy Sampson of Granite City; and two brothers, Raymond Sampson of Palmyra, Ill., and Lawrence Sampson of Potosi, Mo.

He was preceded in death by one son, John David Sampson; one daughter, Kathleen Glenn; his parents, Charles and Mary Alice (Merced) Sampson; five brothers, two sisters and two granddaughters.

Services were held at 11 a.m. today at Mateer Funeral Home, 210 N. Kansas, Edwardsville, with the Rev. John Savorce officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, Alton. Arrangements in Carle were by Freerker Funeral Home.

Memorials are requested for the American Heart Association.

Henry Kubant

Henry Kubant, 96, of Mogolia, Calif., formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, Aug. 1, 1993, at the home of his youngest daughter in Azusa, Calif., after a long illness. He was born to Mogolia, Calif.

He resided in Granite City for many years and his family built the first home on Grand Avenue in Granite City in 1933.

Mr. Kubant, who retired from Granite City Steel in the 1940s, was a World War I U.S. Army veteran and World War II U.S. Navy veteran.

He worked with the Maritime Service in Matamoros, Mexico, for years and then became a pipefitter at Alameda Naval Air Station in California, retiring in 1968.

Survivors include his wife, Irene Kubant, to whom he was married for 74 years; one son, Donald Kubant of Mogolia; two daughters, Alice Reed of Mogolia, Calif., and Virginia Curry of Azusa; seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and four great-granddaughters.

Funeral services were held at a Lutheran church in Paradise, Calif. Burial was at Chico, Calif.

Vivian O'Neill

Vivian (Schmidt) O'Neill, 86, of Carlyle, formerly of Alton, died at 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, 1993, at Carlyle Health Care Center.

She was born Feb. 5, 1907, in Freeburg and resided in Alton for 80 years prior to moving to Carlyle six years ago.

She was a homemaker; a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Alton, and a charter member of Lockhaven Country Club, Alton, where she was a past president of the Women's Club.

Survivors include two sons, Terrence O'Neill of Carlyle and Dan O'Neill of Alton; one daughter, Suzanne Ragot of Granite City; 22 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Schaefer O'Neill, whom she married in 1926 in Alton, and who died in 1964; one son, Patrick S. O'Neill, who died in 1982; her parents, Henry and Edith (Inglett) Schmidt; and one brother, V.A. "Bud" Schmidt.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Burke Funeral Home, 227 Langdon, Alton, where a prayer service will be held at 6 p.m. today. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 525 East Fourth St., Alton, with the Rev. Bruce Williamson officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, Alton. Arrangements in Carlyle were by Freerker Funeral Home.

Lane restrictions on Highway 111

The Illinois Department of Transportation is advising motorists about construction work on Highway 111 for the next few days.

A section of the highway from Interstate 70 to Illinois 162 will be subject to daytime lane restrictions from today (Thursday) through Friday, Aug. 20.

These lane restrictions are required for pavement patching.

Some improvement is being accomplished through a contract with Keeley & Sons Inc. and Mounds Construction Co. of Collinsville.

Motorists are advised to use extra caution through this construction zone.

Special needs or requests can also be sent by FAX at 346-3119 or by TDD at 346-3396.

Sports news?

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Campers — Twelve-year-old Chris Hawk of Granite City does a little damage during an egg drop competition at the annual Odyssey Science Camp program at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Hawk and other participants in the competition wrapped their entries in a variety of protective gear and each egg entry was dropped from the roof of a classroom building. Looking on is Jeremy Smith, also 12, of Mt. Vernon.

Raffles

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organizations — profits that are used to assist those suffering from illness, disabilities or other financial hardships, they said.

"I have to have at least 300 players to make a profit. We are competing with two other organizations which hold bingo in the city on the same night. Most of our players come from other cities, including players from across the river," Conklin said.

John Moseley, the Knights of Columbus bingo chairman, said that regulation by the city would eliminate many of the problems.

"We need some kind of control, but not elimination of raffles at bingo halls," Moseley said.

Bob Meszaros of the Granite City Elks said his organization does not conduct raffles during bingo because the city has no ordinance.

"Don't punish the little kids that are out there selling raffle tickets to buy their athletic uniforms or ice time," Meszaros said.

Venice

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Echols said that from the very beginning, he made it clear to everyone how important this project was to Venice. Echols said that if there is anyone to blame it would be the TRRA agent who refused to consider selling the property unless the developers would guarantee the tenants would use railroad transportation for shipping and receiving.

"As far as eminent domain, that came up very early and Enviro Trux made it clear there wasn't time for that," Echols said. "They wanted to open by November."

The chief executive officer of Enviro Trux, Howard Cromer, said Wednesday, "I wanted the place in Venice, I still want the place in Venice, but the damn railroad wouldn't let me have it."

Although Enviro Trux has already begun the permit application process for its site in East St. Louis, Cromer said he still would rather locate in Venice.

"If Mayor Echols could work some kind of miracle and bring the railroad around, I'll kiss both his feet," Cromer said. "We mean it like the people there. In fact I'd build my house right in the middle of it."

"And right now I'd like to get a hold of about an acre down the river, I mean, I'd like to get some of the lead out of their butts."

Cromer complained that the representatives from the TRRA came into the negotiation assuming everyone he had full authority to make a deal, but "when it came down to the line, he didn't have the power to make a decision. Then, when we called the next day, they wouldn't even talk to us."

Breaks

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seep into cracks or leaking joints in the sewer pipe, creating a cavity or void under the pipe. Sewer lines affected by high groundwater can be "float" until the water table recedes. When the main sewer line then settles on a new spot, it sometimes collapses, and lateral lines are often pulled away from the main line.

Because the Illinois State Water Survey projects that groundwater levels will continue to rise, even as the river falls, the city can expect to continue experiencing sewer failures until after the groundwater recedes to normal levels, Jeneau said.

Residents are being urged to report observation of any surface depressions to the city street department by calling 452-6222.

Jeneau recommends that the city repair all sanitary sewer failures within the existing case, even a policy change for the city — and then continue a sewer rehabilitation program in 1995, with the Insituform process, involving internal lining of the pipes.

It has been the city's policy in the past to make only main sewer line repairs. Repairs to failures in the lateral lines, especially the main lines have been the responsibility of the homeowner. Jeneau said that more than half of the 10 existing confirmed failures are instances where the lateral line has broken away from the main line.

Some aldermen said they would oppose the city taking responsibility for all sewer repairs within the basement.

"It has always been the homeowner's responsibility to run the lateral line to the main and tap on," said Alderman Craig Tarpo.

"I have some questions as to why the city should be responsible for damage caused by unsupervised tap-ins, especially where the homeowner or contractor broke into the main line," Tarpo said.

Jeneau said that the city has responsibility only to provide service, but in his opinion that includes access to the main line.

He recommends the policy change because, when a lateral line disengages from the main line, sand and dirt seep into the main line and eventually end up damaging a lift station.

"And you don't want homeowners digging up the existing water table to try to make repairs," Jeneau said.

Alderman Dan Partney, chairman of the aldermen's Public Works and Alley Committee, agreed with Jeneau's assessment.

"If we do eventually get all of our high-risk areas inspected one day, we don't want someone going in there and ruining them," Partney said.

Partney suggested that the City Council consider creating a sewer division of the wastewater treatment plant to maintain sewers.

The street department currently has that responsibility. "If the street department does the work, we pay for it out of the general fund. If a contractor does the work, we pay for it out of the general fund."

"But if a sewer division is created, we can use treatment plant funds to pay for maintenance and repairs," Partney explained.

City Comptroller K.P. MacTaggart has projected that the general fund will be depleted within the next two years.

The Sewage Treatment Plant Fund had a positive balance of more than \$3.5 million as of June 30, according to City Treasurer Gail Valle's monthly report.

The city's sewer system consists of the Nameoki area system, constructed after 1954, and the Old Town area, originally constructed around the turn of the century as a combined sanitary and storm water system.

The city has already expended about \$5 million to rehabilitate "high risk" sewers in the Nameoki area, utilizing the Insituform process.

None of the sewer lines previously insituformed have experienced line failures, Jeneau said.

That project was funded by a grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

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Kunneemann 50 Years

Fred and Olivia Kunneemann have been honored on the 50th anniversary of their wedding.

They were married May 23, 1943, at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Louis.

After a week-long honeymoon in Chicago, Fred was inducted into the service, serving one year in the United States and two years overseas.

After he finished his years in service, the couple made their home in Granite City, where Fred had been born and raised.

He worked for General Steel, the Federal Reserve and then 27 years at McDonnell Douglas, from where he retired.

Olivia was from St. Louis. They had three children, Sharon, Gary and Dennis.

A cocktail hour and buffet dinner were held May 22, 1993, at Ikemeier's Banquet Center, Kirkwood, Mo. The event was given by their children and the children's spouses.

During the cocktail hour, Gene Rayburn's band, consisting of accordion, violin and bass, took requests and strolled to the guests' tables. After dinner, the band played for dancing.

The hall was decorated with balloons, gold bows, candles, an arch of gold and white balloons from the floor to the ceiling and gold lettering reflecting in wall mirrors as the backdrop for the head table. The table had a cen-



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kunneemann
1993 left, 1943 right

terpiece of yellow daisies, blue flowers and baby breath.

At the head table were the guests of honor, Fred and Olivia; their children, Sharon Dieckman and her guest, Mike Wilson, Gary and Cathy Kunneemann, and Dennis and Nancy Kunneemann; and Olivia's brother, Stewart Koenemann, who was their groomsman, and his wife, Bonnie.

Their eight grandchildren, who had their own table, are Sharon Dieckman's two sets of twins, Laurie and Lisa and Brian and Jennifer; Gary and Cathy Kunneemann's children, Damon and Brittany; and Dennis and Nancy Kunneemann's boys, Ryan and Michael.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kunneemann
1993 left, 1943 right

The guests sat at round tables with centerpieces of flowers, balloons, and candles.

Those attending were nephew Chris and Linda Koenemann and their four children, Cory, Kurt, Christopher and Christy; nephew Kent and Sally Koenemann; Hilda and Harold Sullivan; Bill and LaVerne Dewing; Marcella and Wilbert Froehlich; Margaret and daughter, Pat Nolan; Warren, Joan and Chris Zurich; Eleanor Kimpel; Helen Bertachi; Hattie Bertachi; Mildred and Lefty Harris and son, Pat; Larry and Evelyn Harris; Donald and Debbie Harris; Gene and Margaret Pauley; Charles and Jo Meyer; Everett and Joey Steele; Margarete and Murphy Kennedy; Judy and Russ McGovern; and Carol Hubert.



Mr. and Mrs.
Herbert Bittick
Bittick
50 years

Herbert and Anna Bittick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 11 at a party in their Pontoon Beach home.

Herbert L. Bittick and the former Anna Mae Collins were married July 9, 1943, at Judge Armin Weiss' office, Granite City, by Judge Weiss.

Mr. Bittick is retired from the St. Louis District, Army Corps of Engineers, where he worked for 23 years. Mrs. Bittick is a homemaker.

They are the parents of three, Beverly Haley and Sharon Lonsi, both of Granite City, and Larry Bittick of Rogers, N.M. There are 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Family news items welcomed

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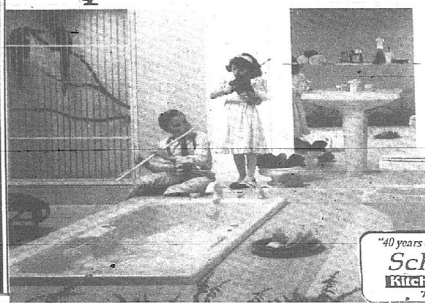
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Paddlers swimmers third at SWISA Team rises to competition at home pool

By R.J. Gerber
Staff writer

A third-place finish this past weekend for the Paddlers at their home pool has veteran coach Celeste Furmanek optimistic that her swim squad can return to its days of SWISA dominance.

Several young swimmers, while seemingly unaware of the magnitude of the meet, came through with some top-notch performances Saturday.

INCLUDED IN THAT group was Justin Schooley, who competed in the 8-under division. Schooley, who joined the team in July after completing swimming lessons, earned a third-place individual finish and helped the

SWISA swim meet
(Aug. 7 at Paddlers)
Team standings
1. Montclair 497, 2. Sunset Hills 389, 3. PADDLERS 366, 4. Sunningwell 357, 5. Summerhaven 214, 6. Wedgewood 185, 7. Cass light 130.

Paddlers' 8-under freestyle relay team to the championship. ("Schooley) was a big surprise," said Furmanek, who led the Paddlers to the SWISA title each year during the 1980s. "That kid is definitely gifted. I was so proud of him. He really pulled it off."
Montclair of Edwardsville won the team title with 497 points and Sunset Hills was second at 389. The Paddlers scored 366 points.

After finishing with a 3-3 dual record this season and coming into the conference meet as the No. 4 seed, Furmanek said the Paddlers' finish was especially gratifying.

"I KEPT TELLING the kids that what they do at the end of the season is what's important," she said. "Everybody is out to get us because we won it so many times in the past. But if the kids can get their times down and improve, that's what matters. They didn't give up." Furmanek mentioned several athletes who came up big during the conference meet. Among those performers were Scott Meyer and Chris Heintz in the butterfly. Julie Golan in the (See PADDLERS, Page 2B)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
Andrew Lautner scored 14 points on his own and placed third among individuals in the 9-10 boys division Saturday.

Summer runs end for Triplets

Hilgards, lack of scoring punch block state tournament hopes

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

A different ending would have given the Tri-City Post 113 Triplets more to savor last summer. But the Triplets still finished with a 28-6 record, a fourth straight North Division title and third straight appearance in the final round of the district playoffs.

"Overall, we had a good year," Tri-City manager Gus Lignoul said. "We can't complain with our record, and the kids worked hard. I thought all the kids contributed at one time or another. It was a lot of fun."

THE FINAL DAY of the season, however, was anything but fun. The Triplets ran into a team at its peak, Belleville, in the District 22 final Aug. 1. The Hilgards pounded the Triplets 8-0 in the first game and held on for a 7-6 win in the rubber game to advance to the Fifth Division Tournament.

The Hilgards cruised through the Fifth Division last weekend and were scheduled to play Arlington Heights in the first round of the state tournament Wednesday.

Tri-City defeated Belleville 4-2 last month in the last meeting between the two teams. But the Hilgards turned it on offensively toward the end of the season and swept O'Fallon and Tri-City for the District 22 crown. Most of Belleville's players came from Belleville West, which advanced to the IHSA state tournament the past two years.

"You could tell they were a good team," Lignoul said. "They

have a lot of players with state tournament experience."

SO DID THE Triplets. Most of the members of this year's team played with the Tri-City Junior Legion team that won the state tournament two years ago under the leadership of Greg Patton and Doug Winfield.

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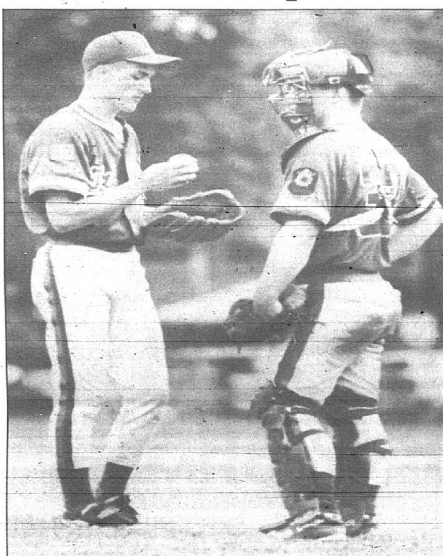
— Gus Lignoul
Tri-City manager

The Triplets advanced to the district finals last year and lost to Fairview Heights. This summer, the Triplets were hoping to make it back to state for the first time since 1991.

All season, the Triplets were led by a deep pitching staff consisting of Ben Hicks, Joe Rieser, Corey Dickerson, Mark Winfield and Jeff Kideour. But the team's hitting proved inconsistent at times, particularly in the two-game series against Belleville.

After Hilgards ace Roy Tippett shut out Tri-City on six hits in the first game, the Triplets fell behind 7-2 in the second game and came up short despite a ninth-inning rally.

"OBVIOUSLY, BEING able to score runs was our Achilles' heel," Lignoul said. "We bunted a lot, hit and run a lot and stole bases. If I had a disappointment (See TRIPLETS, Page 2B)



(Photo by T.W. MILLER)
Pitcher Corey Dickerson and catcher Jeff Luffman confer at the mound in the final game of the season against Belleville.

Wilson to join Marshall at Southwest Missouri

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

An opportunity to play Division I baseball has lured Granite City's Bob Wilson to Southwest Missouri State University. Wilson, who played third base the past two years with the Warrior baseball team and Tri-City Post 113, will attend the Springfield, Mo., school this fall.

WILSON LOOKS FORWARD to playing at the baseball-rich school, which belongs to the highly regarded Missouri Valley Conference.

"I'm really looking forward to it," Wilson said. "I really liked the campus. (College baseball) is something I've always wanted to do."

Although he is not on scholarship, Wilson said Southwest Missouri coach Paul Evans has offered him a chance to play.

And after playing third base for most of his high school career, Wilson expects to be converted into an outfielder.

"I'm kind of looking forward to the change," Wilson said. "I think I'll like it. I'm already assured a spot on the team."

Wilson is also looking forward to playing with Drake Marshall, who had an exceptional freshman season with the Bears in the spring. Marshall went 3-2 with a 2.95 earned run average and earned honorable mention all-conference recognition.

Wilson, meanwhile, spent the summer playing with the Trips (See WILSON, Page 2B)

Wilson

Eagles to begin playoffs Saturday

playoffs Saturday against O'Fallon

The Granite City Eagles will begin defense of their Mon-Clair Baseball League playoff title Saturday with a first-round game against O'Fallon at Dal Maxwell Field.

The game will begin at approximately 2 p.m. The Eagles enter the playoffs as the top-seeded team in the league, and they will have the home-field advantage throughout the postseason.

Granite City finished the season with a 20-3 record and the St. Clair Division title. The Eagles also won the Valmeyer Mid-Summer Classic in July.

Mon-Clair Playoffs

Saturday, Aug. 14
Game 1: East St. Louis (#7) at Waterloo (#3), 7:00 p.m.
Game 2: Valmeyer (#3) at East Alton (#6), 7:00 p.m.
Game 3: O'Fallon (#8) at GRANITE CITY (#1), 2 p.m.
Game 4: Millstadt (#5) at Edwardsville (#4), 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 15
Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 1:30 p.m.
Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 21
Game 7: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 22
Game 8: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 6, 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 29
Game 9: Winner Game 8 vs. Winner Game 6 (if necessary), 1:30 p.m.

Eagle Carpet awaits pairing in Ponytail Midget playoffs

By R.J. Gerber
Staff writer

Although Eagle Carpet Cleaning coach Mary Stanfill is still unsure of her team's opponent in Tuesday's playoffs, she's just happy her squad is still playing.

Stanfill, whose team finished second in the Ponytail Midget Division with an 8-4 record, will take on the winner of Saturday's Sugarloaf Nursery-Thunder contest.

But the way the summer began, Stanfill said she was surprised at how her team responded.

"At first, it really seemed slow," Stanfill said. "We had a lot of new girls and some of them hadn't even played before. But the team has really come through. The kids are really excited."

Another team awaiting Saturday's outcome is the First Bank Stingers, the regular-season Midget champs. The Stingers and Eagle Carpet Cleaning split

Area roundup

their two games this season. But Stanfill isn't looking past any team in anticipation of a rematch with the Stingers.

"You never know what could happen during the playoffs," said Stanfill, whose team closed out the regular season with a 20-14 victory over Brad's Flowers. "We beat them (Stingers) in a great game. I'm really surprised that we've come so far and finished in second. The kids are really excited."

COMPETING IN ITS first year in the Ponytail Bantam Division, the Granite City Steel Credit Union softball team secured the fourth and final playoff spot after finishing the summer with a 5-7 record.

Credit Union will face the regular season champion Harder's (See ROUNDUP, Page 2B)



(Photo by DIANA KINDER)
Mitchell Athletic Club coach George Pike points out the way for Mark Ryan from third base.

World of Outlaws making return to Tri-City

Open wheel fans will get to see two exciting brands of open wheel action Monday when Tri-City Speedway presents the "World of Outlaws." "Salute to the Nationals" and the Sixth Annual Bob Tattersall Memorial.

The "Salute to the Nationals" is part of the richest week in sprint car history. The World of Outlaws race at Tri-City is sandwiched between Ohio's Eldora Speedway \$100,000 to win WoO show on August 14 and Iowa's \$75,000 to win Knoxville Nationals beginning August 18.

The "King of the Outlaws," Steve Kinser, won Tri-City's July 17 WoO A-main and is among the expected 30 entrants for the "Salute to the Nationals." Other expected entrants include Mark Kinser, Tri-City's May 13 WoO winner, Kenny Jacobs, Dave Blaney, Joe Haudenschild, Stevie Smith, and Johnny Herrera.

The Sixth Annual Bob Tattersall Memorial is in honor of the 1969 United States Auto Club (See OUTLAWS, Page 3B)

Trivial matters

1. The Cardinals' list of longevity includes names like Lou Brock (16 seasons) and Bob Gibson (17). Who played the most years with the Cardinals?

2. Sportscaster Harry Caray is best remembered for his years in St. Louis and Chicago. But in 1970, he spent one season with what American League club? Answers at right.

Community Sports Calendar

Historical Society to hold golf tourney
The Six Mile Historical Society is now accepting sign-ups for its benefit golf tournament, to be held Aug. 29 at the Legacy.

The tournament, a four-person scramble, will begin at 10 a.m. The cost of \$50 per golfer includes 18 holes with a cart and a buffet dinner. Prizes will be awarded by flight, and a drawing for a year's membership with the historical society will be held.

For more information, call the Legacy at 931-4653.

Coming up

Fall sports to begin
Gene Baker (left) and the Warrior soccer team will kick off the fall sports season with a midnight practice Sunday at Granite City High School.

Trivia Answers

1. Stan Musial with 22 seasons — 1941-44 and 1946-63. 2. The Oakland A's, who hired Harry for a season prior to his joining the White Sox.

Sports briefs

Lady Warrior volleyball team meeting Aug. 16

The Lady Warrior volleyball team will hold its first practice for the fall season Aug. 16 with two sessions.

The first session, 9 a.m.-noon, will be followed by an afternoon practice of 2-4:30 p.m.

All athletes must have a copy of a physical to participate. The team, coached by Cindy Gatch, will meet in the main gymnasium of Granite City High School.

Golf meeting slated Aug. 18 at Arlington

The Warrior golf team will begin its season with a meeting at 9 a.m. Aug. 18 at Arlington Golf Club, rain or shine. The first meeting is for any boys and girls interested in participating.

The meeting will be informational for new players. All participants need to have a physical and parent permission slip.

The Warriors, coached by Russ Chappell, advanced to the state tournament for the first time in school history last year.

Tennis team schedules Aug. 16 practice

The Granite City girls tennis team will begin the season with its first practice at 8 a.m. Aug. 16, weather permitting. In the event of rain, a meeting will be held in the gymnasium annex.

Each participant will need to bring a tennis racket, jump rope, copy of physical and parent permission slip.

Cross country squad to hold meeting Aug. 16

The Granite City High School cross country team will meet at 9 a.m. Aug. 16 inside the high school cafeteria. Any athlete interested should attend.

The team is coached by Dave McClain. The season begins Sept. 4 with the Granite City Invitational.

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team at 10 a.m. Saturday in the first round of the playoffs. And Credit Union manager Davis Rosenberg said he's proud of what his team accomplished.

"The girls played with all they had and they went up against some good competition," Rosenberg said. "Harder's a really good team, but the girls have done a good job. We all felt like we had a productive season."

Despite playing for the first year in the division, Rosenberg said he had a pretty good idea that his team could advance to the postseason.

"We felt we could do it," said Rosenberg, who was assisted by Dave Thebaud, Tom Worthen and Tom Jenkins this season. "We weren't really surprised; we were pleased. There were a few games that we lost that we thought we could have won, but we'll be ready for next season."

Members of the Credit Union team include Leighann Worthen, Ender Rosenberg, Leisha Williams, Keri Williams, Stacey Curless, Melissa Elliott, Carla Haug, Kristen Tabor, Julie Whittington and Sarah Willis.

AFTER TAKING THEIR lumps for the better part of the season, members of the Atom 1 Division White Sox finally got untracked.

And although the White Sox missed out on this year's playoffs, manager Bob Shipley said the team's first season of competing in the Park District was a beneficial one.

"I have no complaints," said Shipley, whose team played in Mitchell last season. "In the beginning the kids quit playing after three or four innings, but now they're scoring throughout the game."

In fact, the White Sox, who are 3-8 heading into Friday night's season finale, have won two of their last three games.

"All the kids are hitting the ball and playing better defense," he said. "After a while they realized they have to play the whole game if they wanted to win. All the boys want to stay together, and we'll be playing in Atom II next season. They were down, but now the kids are excited."

The White Sox are coached by Gary Grandt and Tom Schooley. Members of the team include Justin Schooley, Adam Grandt, Ian Hartzel, Luke Shipley, Jason Ayres, Jon Goedeke, Mike Balcer, Matt Jenkins, Corey Wilmsmeyer, Ryan Bronnbaumer, Andy Ribbing, Callin Foster, Josh Hesse, Mike Pena and Chad Dunn.

Goedeke, Grandt, Shipley, Ayres and Hesse are all batting higher than .700 for the season, Bob Shipley said.

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with this year's team, it was our inability to string a few hits together."

Tri-City's pitching and defense, meanwhile, were consistent for the most part from beginning to end. While several Senior Legion teams went with two or three pitchers throughout the summer, the Triplets depended on a starting rotation of Hicks, Dickerson, Winfield and Ridenour.

Rieser made a successful conversion to relief, and the Triplets got by most of their opponents by shutting them down. Three of the pitchers combined on a June 14 no-hitter against Bechalto.

The pitching led the Triplets to an 18-2 record at one point this summer. In early July, the Triplets put together a nine-game winning streak and won their own round-robin tournament.

Tri-City defeated Roxana, Carlyle and then Eugene Pate of Evansville, Ind., for the tournament title July 3.

"That may have been the high point of our season," Lignoul said. "We were really playing well at that time."

The Triplets lost just three district games during the regular season, falling to Marissa, Alton and O'Fallon. Tri-City then entered the playoffs with the top seed in the North and a 19-3 record, second only to O'Fallon.

"That was our goal all year," Lignoul said. "We wanted to get the top spot in the playoffs."

The Triplets came into the summer with almost the same makeup as the Warrior baseball team. The pitching staff was the same, and even the batting order had some similarities with

center fielder Jason Maxfield hitting leadoff. Rob Odum was the cleanup spot and sluggers Jeff Ridenour and Bob Wilson anchoring the attack.

Lignoul switched hats after serving as the Warriors' assistant coach under Bob Stegemeyer, who retired after 20 years with GCHS.

"I think Bob Stegemeyer was an excellent teacher of baseball," Lignoul said. "We just continued to execute and do the things he taught. That carried over to the summer and we were successful."

Lignoul said a loss to Edwardsville in an IHSA regional title game gave the players some extra incentive.

"I think they were disappointed we didn't beat Edwardsville in the regional," Lignoul said. "They thought they were the better team. They wanted to come back in the summer and show they were better than that."

Lignoul said some of the credit belonged to his two assistants, Patton and Doug Winfield.

"Coachman, they've been very successful," Lignoul said. "They put in an extraordinary amount of time with the kids."

Lignoul now looks forward to taking over the Warrior baseball program next spring. Among the players with varsity experience will be three pitchers—Ridenour, Dickerson and Mark Winfield—and Brian Kohler, Sean Lakatos, Andy Roe, Shawn Shrum and Scott Nemeth.

"I'm really looking forward to next spring," Lignoul said. "I think we have a good nucleus coming back. All three pitchers have a lot of experience."

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breaststroke, and Barrie Baum, who was third in the backstroke competition.

"Barrie pulled off a third place and that was a nice treat," said Furmanek of Baum, who is better known for her diving talents.

The Paddlers' dominance at the conference meet ended in second, when they finished second. The last two seasons have yielded third-place finishes. But that doesn't discourage Furmanek.

"The kids were pleased that we were only 23 points away from second, and I was real surprised and pleased at finishing third," she said. "This shows that there's some light at the end of the tunnel. The kids really came through."

Not only did the younger swimmers contribute for the Paddlers, several of the more experienced competitors also

faired well. Steve Geske was the second highest point scorer in the 15-18 age group and Zack Suhre duplicated that feat in the 13-14 division. Zack Bruch (11-12) and Andrew Lauber (9-10) were the third-highest point earners in their respective age groups as well.

"There were a lot more older swimmers competing this year," Furmanek said. "That made it tough. I was real pleased with the older kids because they came through."

But the emergence of swimmers like Schooley gives Furmanek an indication of what is in store next season.

"It should take more than another year to turn it around," she said. "It's starting to turn around again with the younger kids coming back. But you never know when you step on the deck the first day every year."

•Wilson

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lets and raising his batting average after hitting .270 with the Warriors in the spring. He has also been playing for the Granite City Non-Club League team.

Wilson intends to put on more weight.

"I feel my hitting has improved, but I still need to get stronger," Wilson said.

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The Madison County Police Association will hold a four-person golf scramble Sept. 24 at Fox Creek Golf Course in Edwardsville.

The cost of \$45 per person includes greens fees, cart, a buffet-style dinner and drink. Checks should be made payable to the Madison County Police Association and should be sent in care of John Lakin to P.O. Box 585, Godfrey, Ill., 62035.

Elks '84 soccer holding tryouts

The Granite City Elks '84 girls soccer team will hold tryouts for the 1993-94 season at 6 p.m. Aug. 17 at the Belleville Area College campus in Granite City. Girls born between Aug. 1, 1983, and Dec. 31, 1984, are eligible.

For more information, call 451-1536.

Elks '85 soccer to have tryouts

The Granite City Elks '85 girls soccer team will hold tryouts from noon-2 p.m. Sunday at the Belleville Area College campus in Granite City. For more information, call 931-1782 or 797-1890.

Ladybirds tryouts slated Sunday

Tryouts for the Ladybirds 18-under ASA fast pitch softball team will be held 1-4 p.m. Sunday at Florissant Valley Community College.

For more information, call 314-837-8620 or 314-921-7906.

National (USAC) Midget Champion and close personal friend of Tri-City promoter Bob Wentz. The Memorial, featuring the Midwest Auto Racing Association (MARA) midgets, will also be contested on Tri-City's light-

ning-fast-half-mile dirt track. Andy Pierce, winner of the 1992 Memorial, will battle with past winner Steve Knepper and MARA regular Donnie Lehmann. The event includes qualifying heats and the 20-lap feature.

"Fat," as he was known, began his career in 1951 racing

stock cars in his home town of Streator. He switched to United Auto Racing Association midgets soon after and moved on to the USAC midgets in 1969. Tattersall won 62 USAC National Midget features in his career. He died of cancer on Oct. 27, 1970.

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It's a super sporty day, with all kinds of extra fun for those who have some recreation time. Josh with your co-workers, and cooperation is improved. Rely on a friend who has proved true in the past. Individual initiative is favored on the job; show the boss you can think for yourself. Expect good news from long distance or from in-laws.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Independent action is faster and more satisfying if you have all the facts at hand. Enjoy a long walk or a new restaurant, or treat yourself to a new book. New friends have good info.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Be sure to say thanks for the many favors others do for you today. Extra cash is readily available. Think, and you'll figure out how to solve a problem. Passionate moments in romance are best therapy for tension.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You can't do it without help, so be a pleasant partner. Stick to the budget, and the future will take care of itself. Put off confrontations with creditors. Simplify. Your energy level improves soon.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A co-worker's suggestions are worth taking seriously. Consider hosting a party. Supplement income with a money-making hobby. Kids are a pleasure; invite the neighborhood to play at your house.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Travel with the right companion is inspirational and instructive. Try new shops, and hunt for bargains. This is the best day to interview for new jobs. Allow for extra time in transit; crowds are heavy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 12). Get instruction in new technological devices; you have talents that will be valuable in the world of the future. Lots of dates and chances for new love in August. In September, increased cash flow makes life easier. Suggestion you make at work or new idea you have in October may lead to fame. New way of life begins in December, through love or art project.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Distractions may call for taking work home to do in privacy. Though the work load is heavy, your family needs plenty of attention, too. Tonight, enjoy relaxation that involves hot water.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). By popular demand, you're the leader at work and at home. Take advantage of your clear perspective to make decisions; your judgment is exceptional. Strive for truth as well as harmony.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Those who hold only to logic fall behind when you use both reasoning and super intuition to understand a problem. Get ready for new career direction by learning all you can from each experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 22). A secret is about to be revealed. Your curiosity is high, so investigate. Restructuring on the job works to your benefit. Chances to learn should be snapped up; take a class on your own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 19). Action taken earlier in the week results in praise for you. Elaborate preparations for weekend fun aren't necessary; everything will fall right into place. Try that new method, it works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Admitting that you need some rest is step one; then cancel a few of the weekend's less important activities, though you'd like to do them all. Sideload stress at work with humor and a smile.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Trouble with mate can be avoided if you don't take offense at possessiveness or searching questions; be sympathetic to those who need to be reassured. Tonight, a friend needs your shoulder.



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ENTERTAINMENT

'The Fugitive' offers good action, mystery

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

It is hard to think of any film released this summer to more eager anticipation than "The Fugitive," except for possibly "Jurassic Park."

Granted, "The Firm" was propelled by the popularity of the book on which it is based. But I predict legions of people who remember the television series "The Fugitive" will flock to see the big-screen version.

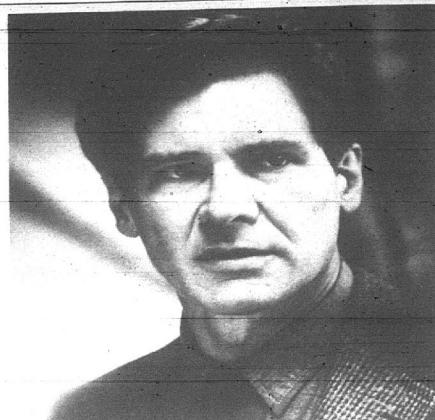
The television series told the story of Dr. Richard Kimble's frustrating search for the one-armed murderer of his wife (over four years and 120 episodes). Kimble, of course, was wrongfully convicted of the murder.

The slick action, pacing and mystery of the film version should pack in audiences for weeks. "The Fugitive" could become the second highest grossing film of the summer, and perhaps the entire year.

Harrison Ford is the perfect big-screen version of the physician on the run. Tommy Lee Jones is relentless as U.S. Marshal Sam Gerard who doesn't care if Ford might be innocent. He just wants to get his man.

The large supporting cast was splendidly chosen. Andrew Davis' high-octane direction provides constant excitement. The stunt work is eye-popping, and the comic relief is well-placed and effective. This movie is a satisfying experience, well worth the money and worthy of a second viewing.

"The Fugitive" is rated PG-13 for violence. It has a running time of 133 minutes.



Harrison Ford stars as the wrongfully convicted Dr. Richard Kimble in "The Fugitive."

Ford enjoyed Chicago during filming of 'The Fugitive'

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

Harrison Ford says he enjoyed returning to his hometown of Chicago during filming of "The Fugitive."

The movie is based on the television series of the same name. The series aired in the 1960s and starred David Jansen as Dr. Richard Kimble, a physician on the run after he was wrongfully convicted of murdering his wife.

Ford, 51, said returning to Chicago to film the big-screen version of "The Fugitive" was a treat.

He grew up here, went to college in Wisconsin and came back to take summer jobs for years. Ford said, "I felt that this was the best possible option as a location."

"It's a city of neighborhoods," he said. "We could get the grittiness, we could get

the flash of the architecture, the charm of the lake. It has it all."

Ford prepared for his movie role as a physician by spending several days with doctors at the University of Chicago Hospitals, making rounds and observing surgical procedures.

However, Ford said his preparation went beyond mere technical observations.

"I wanted to develop a medical detective story," Ford said. "What I had to do was gather enough elements so there was believable character development within Kimble's course of discovery toward the truth."

Ford said he wanted to convey Kimble's altruism and, most important, his genuine love for his murdered wife.

"When we first meet Kimble he is a prominent vascular surgeon who has an ego and a degree of vanity," Ford said. "He appreciates beauty and fine living. He is happy in his

work and with his life and he's doing well by doing good."

"Kimble is happily married," he said. "He and his wife depend on each other rather than on the people around them, which makes her death all the more painful and makes him more driven to find the real killer."

Ford said it was humorous shooting a scene in which he is shown trying to escape from authorities by slipping into the annual St. Patrick's Day parade as it winds through the Loop area of downtown Chicago.

"It was the real parade and these were real marchers, not actors," Ford said. "So if we didn't get it right the first time we were in trouble. They weren't going to have a second parade just for us."

"So we decided to just go with whatever happened," he said. "The people in the parade were doing double-takes. They were saying things like, 'Wow, it's Indiana Jones. How did he get in the pipe-fitters' union?'"

Music often outlasts marriages

By Bill Beggs
Correspondent

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE: Married couples occasionally have made beautiful pop music together. But even though the music is forever, it often severs the marital union doesn't last.

1. What husband-and-wife duo had their last pop hit together with "Nutbush City Limits," which made it to No. 22 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 in the fall of 1973?

2. Which man did Tammy Wynette stand by from 1969 to 1975?

3. What Austin, Texas-based husband-and-wife duo hit No. 19 in the fall of 1986 with "The Future's So Bright, I Gotta Wear Shades"?

4. As husband and wife, what former members of The 5th Dimension had a No. 1 hit in early 1977 with "You Don't Have To Be A Star To Be In My Show"?

5. What was the debut No. 1 hit — for four weeks in the summer of 1975 — for The Captain & Tennille?

6. Wings hit No. 1 right after The Captain & Tennille — with what song, featuring what husband-and-wife duo?

7. What song, in what year, was the biggest hit for Sonny & Cher?

8. Who were the married members of The Mamas & The Papas?

9. What members of Fleetwood Mac tied the knot, and what 1977 tune was the group's biggest hit?

10. What band made up of a married couple and one soon-to-be — Bill and Tammy Danoff, and John Carroll and Margot Chapman — made just sound like cotton candy with a No. 1 in the summer of 1976, "Afternoon Delight"? (Extra credit: What country-rock megastar of the era, who owned the label the group recorded for, wrote a song that's bittersweet, considering the fate of his marriage?)

ANSWERS: 1. Ike and Tina Turner 2. George Jones 3. Timbuk 3 (Pat and Barbara Kopyman MacDonald 4. Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. 5. "Love Will Keep Us Together" 6. "Listen To What The Man Said," Paul and Linda McCartney 7. "I Got You (I Feel Good)" 8. Mar and John 9. John Denver 10. The Doves 11. "Annie's Song," No. 1, 1974 — for his wife; they divorced in 1983.



Cary Elwes portrays Robin Hood in the Mel Brooks comedy "Robin Hood: Men in Tights."

'Robin Hood: Men in Tights' repetitive, lacks creative flair

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

Mel Brooks used to be a truly funny man. But his most recent films, "Life Stinks" and his current release, "Robin Hood: Men in Tights," rely on shallow (and crude) punch lines and uninspired physical comedy. Both films lack the creative elan and adventurous flair that marked Brooks' previous movies like "Blazing Saddles" and "Young Frankenstein."

"Robin Hood: Men in Tights" stars Cary Elwes as Robin Hood and Richard Lewis as Prince John. Brooks said he was inspired to make this picture while watching Kevin Costner in "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves." In fact, in one scene from this new Brooks effort, Elwes as Robin looks at the camera and says he can portray Robin Hood with the proper English accent, a sidebar comment suggesting that Costner lacked that ability in his picture.

In what could be considered as a story line only in the broadest of terms, "Robin Hood: Men in Tights" finds Robin coming back from battle to see his family's estate, Locksley Hall, being carted away by the tax collector. The tax man is a minion of the evil Prince John.

Roger Rees, an excellent British actor, portrays the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham. Rees seems to be the only cast member who understands what to do with his role.

"Robin Hood: Men in Tights" is repetitive. It lacks originality and really good laughs.

The film is rated PG-13 for adult language and sexual references and situations. It has a running time of 104 minutes.

Tom, left, and Jerry are the stars of the animated film "Tom and Jerry — The Movie."

Young children will enjoy 'Tom and Jerry — The Movie'

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

None of the theaters showing "Tom and Jerry — The Movie" have scheduled it in the evening. This clearly shows this picture's target audience is somewhere between post-cub and pre-third grade.

In this updated effort, Tom and Jerry have ceased being enemies and actually help out each other. In this perfect kids' story line, Tom and Jerry join forces to help extricate a cute little girl from the clutches of an evil aunt. The aunt has convinced the little girl her father is dead, so that the aunt can collect all of the child's money.

Tom and Jerry rescue the girl and set off on an adventurous hunt for her dad, who is exploring in Tibet.

The technical side of this Miramax Films release is leagues behind the Disney products we have grown accustomed to. But "Tom and Jerry" is satisfying and cute. It has good music and strong vocal acting. It will be a pleasurable matinee excursion for small children, especially with mom and dad along.

"Tom and Jerry" is rated G and has a running time of 80 minutes.

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